

In the Claims:

1-45. (Cancelled)

46. (Currently Amended) A fuel dispensing system for allowing a user facilitating the to carry out a fuel dispensing transaction and to purchase of and transfer music to a device playback in a vehicle, said system comprising:

a fuel dispenser including:

fuel delivery hardware for delivering fuel to a vehicle from a storage tank under control of a controller; and

a user interface coupled to the controller for facilitating a fueling transaction consisting of the purchase of fuel delivered to the vehicle and the purchase of music for playback in the vehicle device;

a music database coupled to the controller and containing a plurality of music selections for purchase via the user interface at said fuel dispenser; and

wherein the controller is adapted to:

display a plurality of music selections for purchase on the user interface;

receive a customer selection for at least one of said plurality of music selections at the user interface;

means for transferring transfer music purchased at said user interface of said fuel dispenser in a digital format from said music database to the vehicle device for subsequent playback in the vehicle; and

within a single fuel dispensing transaction:

account for the purchase of fuel delivered to the vehicle; and

account for the purchase of music transferred to the device.

47. (Currently Amended) A method of allowing a user to carry out a fuel dispensing transaction and purchasing and transferring music for use in to a vehicle device during a fueling transaction, said method comprising the steps of:

displaying a plurality of music selections for purchase at a fuel dispenser user interface;

receiving a customer selection for at least one of said plurality of music selections at the fuel dispenser user interface;

delivering fuel to a vehicle;  
transferring music purchased at the fuel dispenser user interface in a digital format from a music database to the device; and

within a single fuel dispensing transaction:

accounting for the purchase of fuel delivered to the vehicle; and  
accounting for the purchase of music transferred to the device.

~~accounting for the purchase of fuel delivered to the vehicle and the customer selection for the at least one of said plurality of music selections; and~~

~~providing the at least one music selection corresponding to the customer selection in a digital format that is conducive for subsequent playback in the vehicle.~~

48. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the music database is comprised of a remote database located apart from the fuel dispenser.

49. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the music database is integrated into the fuel dispenser.

50. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the music database is coupled to a central music repository wherein music is downloaded from the repository to the music database.

51. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the controller is located apart from the fuel dispenser.

52. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the controller is coupled to an antenna and is further adapted to broadcast music purchased at the user interface through the antenna to a receiver coupled to the device.

53. (New) The system of claim 52, wherein the antenna is comprised from the group consisting of a fueling station antenna and a fuel dispenser antenna.

54. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the device is a playback device that is capable of playing the music transferred from the controller.

55. (New) The system of claim 54, wherein the playback device is comprised from the group consisting of a portable playback device and an in-vehicle playback device.

56. (New) The system of claim 55, wherein the playback device is communicably coupled to a vehicle stereo system for playing the music transferred from the controller.

57. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the controller is further adapted to download music purchased at the user interface to a portable storage medium within the device.

58. (New) The system of claim 57, wherein the portable storage medium is contained within a drive when the music is transferred to the portable storage medium by the controller, and the controller is further adapted to cause the portable storage medium containing the transferred music to be dispensed out of the drive to the user.

59. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the fuel dispenser is further comprised of a payment acceptor for accepting payment for the purchase of music and fuel.

60. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the controller is further adapted to periodically update the music database with at least one of a plurality of new songs.

61. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the controller is coupled to a cellular phone and further adapted to cause the cellular phone to dial a designated phone number to connect the cellular phone to a cellular network and download music purchased from the user interface to the device via the cellular network.

62. (New) A fuel dispensing system for allowing a user to carry out a fuel dispensing transaction and to purchase and transfer music to a secondary location, the system comprising:

a fuel dispenser including:

fuel delivery hardware for delivering fuel to a vehicle from a storage tank under control of a controller; and

a user interface coupled to the controller for facilitating a fueling transaction consisting of the purchase of fuel delivered to the vehicle and the purchase of music for playback in a device;

a music database coupled to the controller and containing a plurality of music selections for purchase via the user interface at the fuel dispenser;

wherein the controller is adapted to:

display a plurality of music selections for purchase on the user interface;

receive a customer selection for at least one of said plurality of music selections at the user interface;

transfer music purchased at the user interface of the fuel dispenser in a digital format from the music database to the secondary location remote from the fuel dispenser; and

within a single fuel dispensing transaction:

account for the purchase of fuel delivered to the vehicle; and

account for the purchase of music transferred to the device.

63. (New) The system of claim 62, wherein a portable storage medium is contained within a drive at the secondary location and stores the transferred music from the controller.

64. (New) The system of claim 63, wherein the controller is further adapted to cause the portable storage medium containing the transferred music to be dispensed out of the drive to the user.

65. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the music database is coupled to a central music repository, and further comprising downloading music from the repository to the music database.

66. (New) The method of claim 47, comprising broadcasting music purchased at the user interface through an antenna to a receiver coupled to the device.

67. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the device is a playback device, and further comprising playing the music purchased at the user interface on the playback device.

68. (New) The method of claim 67, wherein the playback device is comprised from the group consisting of a portable playback device and an in-vehicle playback device.

69. (New) The method of claim 68, wherein the playback device is communicably coupled to a vehicle stereo system and further comprising playing back the music purchased at the user interface on the vehicle stereo system.

70. (New) The method of claim 47, further comprising downloading music purchased at the user interface to a portable storage medium within the device.

71. (New) The method of claim 70, wherein the portable storage medium is contained within a drive when the music is downloaded to the portable storage medium, and further comprising dispensing the portable storage medium containing the transferred music out of the drive to the user.

72. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein transferring comprises transferring the music purchased from the user interface to a secondary location that is remote from the fuel dispenser, and transferring the music from the secondary location to the device.

73. (New) The method of claim 72, further comprising downloading the transferred music into a portable storage medium contained within a drive at the secondary location.

74. (New) The method of claim 73, further comprising dispensing the portable storage medium containing the downloaded music out of the drive to the user.

75. (New) The method of claim 47, further comprising accepting payment for the purchase of the music and the fuel at a payment acceptor.

76. (New) The method of claim 47, further comprising periodically updating the music database with at least one of a plurality of new songs.

77. (New) The method of claim 47, further comprising:

receiving a designated phone number at a cellular phone from the user interface for use in connecting to a cellular network;

dialing the designated phone number on the cellular phone;

connecting the cellular phone to the cellular network; and

downloading music purchased from the user interface over the cellular network to the device.